



Sustainable Communities Task Force

**Overview**  
for  
**Urban Growth & Infrastructure Study**  
**Commission**

**November 18, 2010**

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## Sustainable Communities Task Force

The goal of this new initiative is *healthy and equitable development without compromising natural systems and the needs of future generations of North Carolinians.* (143B-344.34)

Legislation passed as part of **budget bill**, July 2010 with \$250,000 NR Grant Fund. Also Technical Amendments.



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## SIX SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

MIRROR FEDERAL LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES

(143B-344.34(b))

- 1) Better transportation choices
- 2) Equitable, affordable housing
- 3) Enhanced economic competitiveness
- 4) Support of existing communities
- 5) Coordination and leverage of State policies and investment
- 6) Recognize and support communities and neighborhoods





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## TIMELINE

- ✖ Legislation July 2010
- ✖ Agency Designees named August 2010
- ✖ First Agency Designee meeting – August 2010
- ✖ Task Force Appointments made October 2010
- ✖ First Task Force Meeting – November 9, 2010
- ✖ Next Meeting Scheduled for December 16, 2010



# Sustainable Communities Task Force

✕ **David Knight**, *Chair*  
*DENR*

✕ **Scott Farmer**  
*Housing Finance Agency*

✕ **Dr. Ruth Petersen**  
*DHHS-DPH*

✕ **Jim Westmoreland**  
*DOT*

✕ **Anne Bander**  
*DOA*

✕ **Libby Smith**  
*Commerce*

## STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

(143B-344.36(a))



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## SENATE

- × **Paul Norby**  
*City-County Planning Board  
Winston-Salem*
- × **Joe McKinney**  
*Executive Director  
Land-of-Sky COG*
- × **Patsy McArthur**  
*McArthur Construction  
Lumberton*

## APPOINTEES

## HOUSE

- × **Mitchell Silver**  
*Planning Director  
City of Raleigh*
- × **Debra D. Campbell**  
*Planning Director  
City of Charlotte*
- × **Brian Schneiderman**  
*Director of Commercial Lending  
Self-Help Credit Union*

## GOVERNOR

- × **John Hodges-Copple**  
*Planning Director  
Triangle J COG*





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## ACTIONS TO DATE

- ✖ Agencies supported Regional Planning Groups with letters of financial support
- ✖ Agency Representatives Meeting
- ✖ Agency Progress Report completed
- ✖ Created Regional Planning Groups Communication Network
- ✖ Website launched
- ✖ SCTF fully appointed/organized/met
- ✖ Hiring staff position (in progress)



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## FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- ✖ Two Grant Opportunities
  - + \$100M in Regional Sustainable Community Planning Grants
  - + \$75M in Tiger II and Challenge Grants
- ✖ Agency Designees recognized inability to disburse SCTF funds in that timeframe
- ✖ DENR/DOT/Commerce collaborated to prepare joint letters of support with financial commitment





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## FEDERAL GRANT RESULTS

- ✖ Regional Sustainable Community Planning Grants (\$3.2 million total)
  - + Land-of-Sky - \$1.6 million
  - + Piedmont - \$1.6 million
  
- ✖ Community Challenge Grants/Tiger II
  - + Asheville - \$850,000
  - + Lexington - \$700,000



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## PROGRESS REPORT

- ✕ All Agencies + NC Housing Finance
- ✕ Contents
  - + Activities to Date
  - + Collaborative Agency Initiatives
  - + Baseline Inventory of Individual Agency Programs
- ✕ Due October 1

# COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

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- ✕ Healthy Environments Collaborative
- ✕ Sustainability Advisory Group
- ✕ Governor's Logistics Task Force
- ✕ Governor's Institute on Community Design
- ✕ Interagency Leadership Team
- ✕ NC Active Living Leadership Forum





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## **NOVEMBER 9 – FIRST MEETING**

- ✖ Introductions
- ✖ Review Legislation – Duties/Tasks
- ✖ Got Feedback on How to Proceed
- ✖ Set Priorities



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## TASKS/DUTIES

- ✖ Recommend Policies
- ✖ Recommend Appropriations
- ✖ Scorecard/Grant Program for Fund
- ✖ Align State Service and Investments



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## PURPOSES OF GRANT FUND (143B-344.37)

- ✖ Improve regional planning that integrates housing and transit
- ✖ Increase capacity to improve LUP and zoning, and
- ✖ Provide  $\leq 50\%$  match of required local match for federal monies



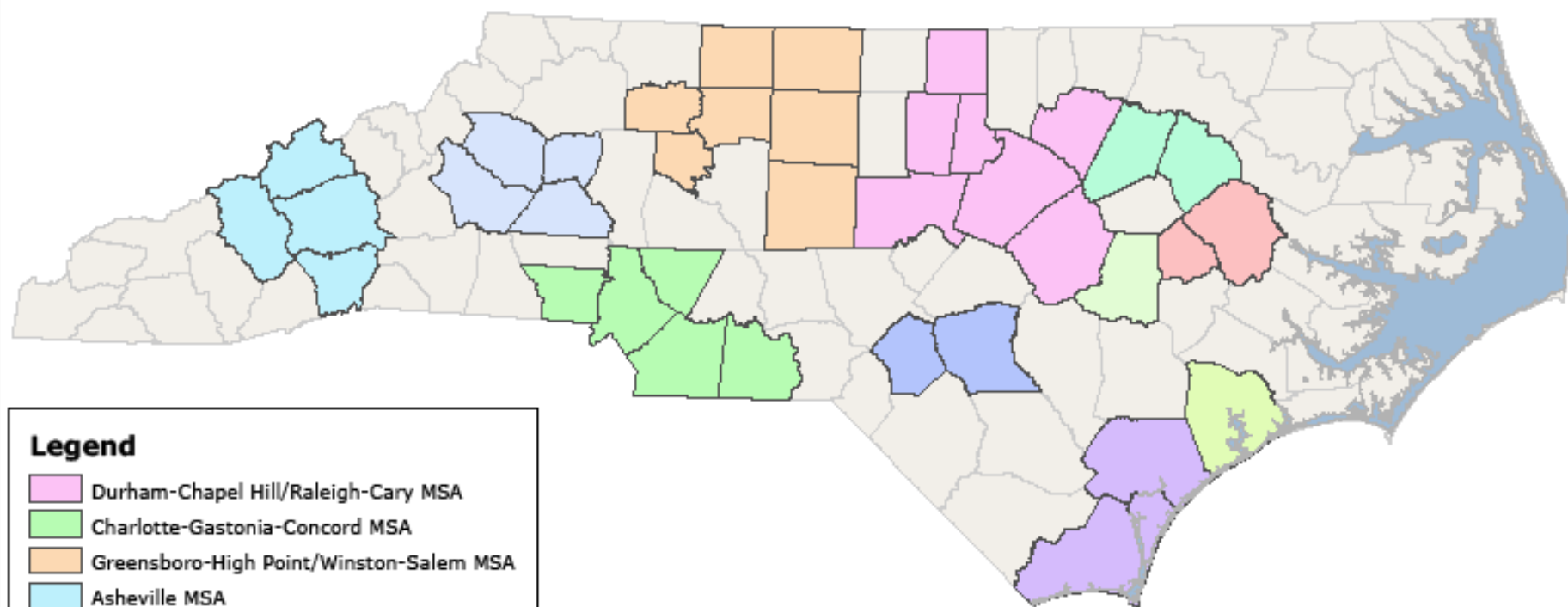


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## ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS (143B-344.37)

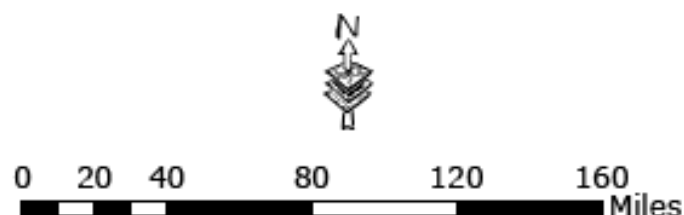
- ✗ Regional Bodies
- ✗ Cities
- ✗ Counties
- ✗ Must be defined Metro/TTA/Partnership with workplan of activities & public participation process with MOU

# Sustainable Communities Task Force Regions



## Legend

- Durham-Chapel Hill/Raleigh-Cary MSA
- Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord MSA
- Greensboro-High Point/Winston-Salem MSA
- Asheville MSA
- Fayetteville MSA
- Goldsboro MSA
- Greenville MSA
- Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA
- Jacksonville MSA
- Rocky Mount MSA
- Wilmington MSA





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## SCORECARD

- ✕ Build on existing scorecards & BPs
- ✕ Use HUD metrics
- ✕ Make it simple, practical and fit with HUD criteria
- ✕ Input from Regional Planning Groups
- ✕ Governor's Institute on Community Design
  - + NEA Funding for Consultant
  - + Baseline Inventory of Funding Programs
  - + Tweak Scorecards based on Others (e.g., MA)





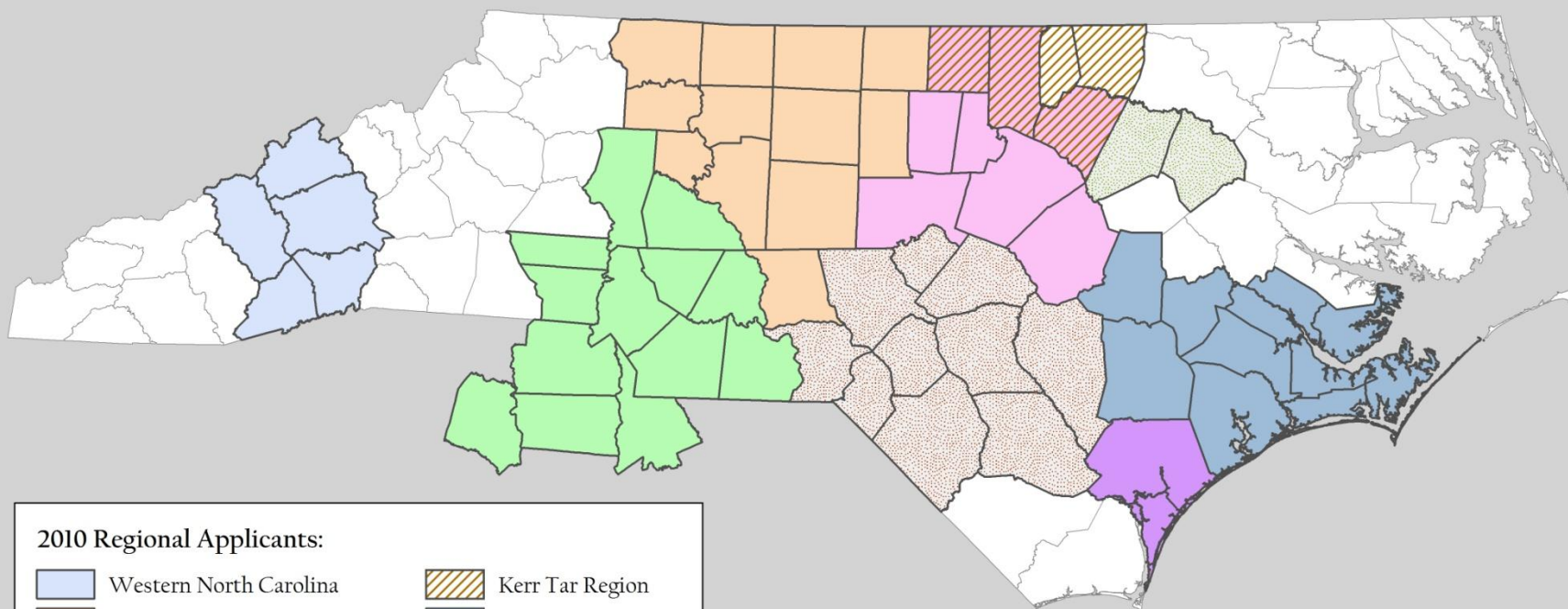
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### **ESTABLISHED STAKEHOLDER NETWORK OF REGIONAL PLANNING GROUPS**

- ✖ Originated from Support Letter process
- ✖ 9 of the 11 Metro Regions included
- ✖ Ongoing Meetings; formed Committees
- ✖ Can use for input/feedback

## North Carolina Regional Applicants for HUD Sustainable Communities Grants (2010)



### 2010 Regional Applicants:

 Western North Carolina	 Kerr Tar Region
 PART	 PlanIt EAST
 CONNECT Consortium	 City of Wilmington
 PRISM Research Triangle	

### Regions Planning to Apply in 2011:

 Rocky Mount-Edgecombe-Nash	 BRAC-RTF
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## REGIONAL PLANNING GROUPS NETWORK

- ✖ Common metrics & scorecard
- ✖ Funding sources & advocacy
- ✖ Business case for sustainable development
- ✖ Rural/urban interface





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## REQUIRED REPORTS (143B-344.38)

- ✖ October 1, 2010 – Agency Progress Report
- ✖ February 1, 2011 – Sustainable Practices Scoring System (in Technical Amendments 143B-344.38(b))
- ✖ October 2, 2011 - SCTF Report to Governor, House/Senate Commerce Chairs, GOVOPS



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## **OCTOBER 1, 2011 REPORT CONTENTS**

- + Policy recommendations, legislation suggestions & funding
- + Growth demographics & trends/changes relating to Sustainable Communities
- + Inventory & description of state policies/programs that influence either positively or negatively the ability to develop sustainable communities
- + Funding applied for and received
- + List of projects which received funding from other sources
- + List of Task Force Technical Assistance
- + List of all grants distributed and funds remaining
- + Overview of state funding programs and how they support Sustainable Development



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## NEXT STEPS

- ✖ Next Task Force meeting
  - + December 16<sup>th</sup> (11 AM -1 PM) in Education Building (Room 755)
- ✖ Develop Scorecard/Grant Program for \$250,000 Fund
- ✖ Policy Recommendations for Program Alignment





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## WEBSITE

## Key For Communication

[www.onencnaturally.org/pages/SC\\_SustainableCommunities.html](http://www.onencnaturally.org/pages/SC_SustainableCommunities.html)

- ✕ Legislation
- ✕ Task Force Members
- ✕ Upcoming Events
- ✕ Federal Program Info
- ✕ Regional Planning Group contact info and Regional Plans